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PIB/The Hindu: Defence

Ministry of Defence



EX TIGER TRIUMPH – 24

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In consonance with the established partnership between India and the US, a bilateral tri-Service Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Exercise between both countries, Tiger Triumph – 24, is scheduled on the Eastern Seaboard from 18 to 31 Mar 24. Indian Navy Ships with integral helicopters and landing crafts embarked, Indian Navy aircraft, Indian Army personnel and vehicles and Indian Air Force aircraft and helicopters along with the Rapid Action Medical Team (RAMT) would be participating in the exercise. The US would be represented by US Navy Ships with embarked troops of the US Marine Corps and US Army. The exercise is aimed at developing interoperability for conducting HADR operations and refine Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to enable rapid and smooth coordination between forces of both countries.

The Harbour Phase is scheduled from 18 to 25 Mar 24. Personnel from both navies would participate in Training Visits, Subject Matter Expert Exchanges, Sports Events and Social interactions. On completion of the Harbour Phase, the ships, with the troops embarked, would sail for the Sea Phase and undertake Maritime, Amphibious and HADR operations in accordance with injected situations.

- Tiger Triumph, the tri-service Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) exercise between India and the U.S. commenced on the Eastern seaboard on Monday and will continue till March 31.
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SAKHI to be a friend in need for Gaganyaan crew

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- The Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) has developed the **SAKHI** (Space-borne Assistant and Knowledge Hub for Crew Interaction) app.

About

- This app will help astronauts on the **Gaganyaan space flight mission** in carrying out a range of tasks such as looking up vital technical information or communicating with one another.
- SAKHI app will monitor the health of the astronauts, help them stay connected with Earth and even alert them about their dietary schedules.
- SAKHI will keep the crew connected with the onboard computer and ground-based stations, guaranteeing a seamless communication link

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Centre notifies rules allowing transfer of 'captive' elephants



- The Centre has notified a set of rules called the Captive Elephant (Transfer or Transport) Rules, 2024 that liberalise the conditions under which elephants may be transferred within or between States.

About

- The circumstances under which captive elephants can be transferred are **when an owner is no longer** in a position to maintain the elephant, the elephant will likely have a better upkeep than in the present circumstances; or when a state's Chief Wildlife Warden "deems it fit and proper" in the circumstances of the case for better upkeep of the elephant.
- Until August 2022, the **Wildlife Protection Act** explicitly prohibited the trade in wildlife including both wild and captive elephants. However, amendments to the Act brought in an exemption that for the first time allowed captive elephants to be moved.

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The Hindu: Culture (GSI)

Amid an economic crisis, Iran prepares for Nowruz festival



- Millions of Iranians will travel to be with their families for Nowruz, the Persian New Year but economic troubles in the sanctions-hit country are weighing on the festivities.
- The word **Nowruz** (Novruz, Navruz, Nooruz, Nevruz, Nauryz), **means new day**; its spelling and pronunciation may vary by country.
- Nowruz marks the **first day of spring** and is celebrated on the day of the **astronomical vernal equinox**, which usually occurs on 21 March.
- It is celebrated by more than 300 million people all around the world and has been celebrated for **over 3,000 years** in the Balkans, the Black Sea Basin, the Caucasus, Central Asia, the Middle East, and other regions.

IE: Environment

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Heat, aridity, clear skies: why forests are already ablaze in the Nilgiris

In South India, most forest covered areas of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu have seen fire incidents over the past week.

News

- For almost a week, forest fires have been raging in the Coonoor forest range in the Nilgiris in Tamil Nadu.

How common are forest fires in India?

- The biennial India State of Forest Report (ISFR) published by the **Forest Survey of India (FSI)** under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change recorded in its 2019 report that more than 36% of India's forest cover was prone to frequent fires.
- About **4%** of the forest cover was 'extremely prone' to fire, and another **6%** was 'very highly' fire prone (ISFR 2019).

Where do the most forest fires in India occur?

- According to the FSI, severe fires break out in **dry deciduous forests**, while evergreen, semi-evergreen, and montane temperate forests are comparatively less prone to fires.
- The forests of Northeast India, Odisha, Maharashtra, Jharkhand, [Chhattisgarh](#), and Uttarakhand are the most vulnerable to fires during the November to June period.